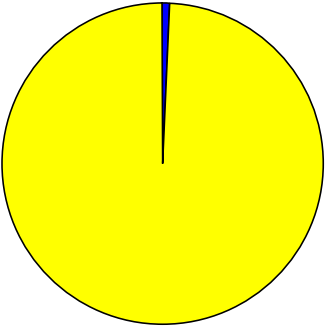


Department of Family Services

67-18-Homeless Prevention Services

Fund/Agency: 001/67		Department of Family Services
Personnel Services	\$0	<p style="text-align: center;">CAPS Percentage of Agency Total</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">0.7%</p> <p style="text-align: center;">99.3%</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> ■ Homeless Prevention Services ■ All Other Agency CAPS </p>
Operating Expenses	\$1,078,743	
Recovered Costs	\$0	
Capital Equipment	\$0	
Total CAPS Cost:	\$1,078,743	
Federal Revenue	\$200,000	
State Revenue	\$0	
User Fee Revenue	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$0	
Total Revenue:	\$200,000	
Net CAPS Cost:	\$878,743	
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	0/0	

► CAPS Summary

The Department of Family Services (DFS) provides financial assistance in the form of utility payments, security deposits, and rent and mortgage payments for families and individuals who may be at risk of becoming homeless or who are already homeless.

With the existing low vacancy rates for rental housing, helping families maintain their living situations is an essential community service. Eviction is a devastating event for families, and disrupts school placements and transportation arrangements for work and services. Finding another place to live does not occur readily, and there is a waiting list for emergency homeless shelter space for families. Families also are being impacted by the rising costs for rent. Since 1997, the average rent of a two-bedroom apartment has increased over 20 percent, from \$841 in January 1997 to \$1,038 in January 2000.

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► Method of Service Provision

DFS contracts with a community-based, nonprofit agency, which assesses applicants for eligibility and provides case management services to families and individuals receiving homeless prevention assistance. Funds for the financial assistance and the case management services are both local (Homeless Prevention Program, HPP) and State (Homeless Intervention Program, HIP). In fiscal year 2001, TANF funds were received from Virginia Housing and Community Development to supplement the Homeless Intervention Program.

Coordinated Services Planing (CSP) staff from the Department for Systems Management for Human Services also access DFS homeless prevention funds to assist persons who are at risk of becoming homeless. Families and individuals that contact the CSP staff are assessed for eligibility and may be assisted directly by the CSP staff with DFS funds, referred to a volunteer group, or referred to the contracted Homeless Prevention Program/Homeless Intervention Program. Families or individuals in need of intensive case management services are referred to DFS social workers.

Clients who are receiving case management services from DFS and who also are in need of homeless prevention assistance are assisted directly by DFS staff.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Estimate
Number of Clients Served through Contracted Homeless Prevention Program and Homeless Intervention Program	186	120	120	219	120*
Percent of contracted HIP/HPP participants that retain housing for one year after completion of program	NA	NA	NA	67%	70%

*The State has changed the requirements for HIP, which will result in fewer served with greater assistance provided.